

THE EPISTLE

forgive the most presumptuous Offenders:
 And by the other, that you will not e-
steem the least work of Nature, or Art,
 unworthy your *Observation.* Amidst the
 many *felicities* that have accompani'd
 your *Majesties* happy *Restauration* and
Government, it is none of the least confi-
 derable, that *Philosophy* and *Experimental*
Learning have prosper'd under your *Royal*
Patronage. And as the calm prosperity
 of your *Reign* has given us the *leisure*
 to follow these *Studies* of quiet and re-
 tirement, so it is just, that the *Fruits* of
 them should, by way of *acknowledge-*
ment, be return'd to your *Majesty.*
 There are, Sir, several other of your
 Subjects, of your *Royal Society,* now
 busie about *Nobler* matters: The *Im-*
provement of *Manufactures* and *Agricul-*
ture, the *Increase* of *Commerce,* the *Ad-*
vantage of *Navigation:* In all which
 they are *assisted* by your *Majesties* *Incou-*
ragement and *Example.* Amidst all those
 greater

DEDICATORY.

greater *Designs,* I here presum
 in that which is more *propor*
 the *smalness* of my *Abilities*
 offer some of the *least* of
 things, to that *Mighty King,* th
 blisht an *Empire* over the best
 visible things of this *World,*
 of Men.

Your *Majesties* most hu

and most ob

Subject and

ROBERT